## HE NAMES THE MAN.

MAYOR TAYLOR SAYS MR. ROUN-TREE APPROACHED HIM.

#### THE COUNCILMAN MAKES DENIAL.

City's Chief Executive-Grew Out of Charges About Signing Reteenchment Ordinances.

In the elegant offices of the Mayor of the city of Richmond, which are ated in the northeast corner of the Hall, there was enacted a stormy yesterday about noon. There only five persons present, three whom would be nominally called lators. The other two were the in the incident-Mayor and M. Taylor and Mr. Henry W. tree, of the Rountree Trunk Manuoring Company, and member of the men Council from Clay Ward.

se gentlemen, prominent as they had words, many words, hot words, in some respects insinuative wordsover the statement made in the ting of the Board of Aldermen last day night by Alderman Snead, that Mayor had been approached by a ber of the Committee on Retrench-1 and Reform, who had said to him if the Mayor would not veto the hment ordinances his salar not be touched. At the session this committee on Thursday night matter was brought to the atten-of that body by Mr. Jones, and an estigation was gone into. The re-F. C. Ebel and H. W. Rountree appointed to call upon the Mayor ask him for the name of the member aho had thus approached him.

CALL UPON THE MAYOR. pursuance of the duty thus as hout noon yesterday, called upon Taylor in his office. They were ily received, and, with a couple of aper men, were tendered seats, Rountree was the spokesman, and began by expressing the pleasure it But this morning there is an ent of unpleasantness in our visit

that we would call upon you. me in reference to a statement made Mr. Snead, in the Board of Aldern, to the effect that you had been broached by a member of the Comon Retrenchment and Reform d told that your salary would not be uched if you would approve the comttee's recommendations in regard to Mayor Taylor looked fixedly at Mr.

Mayor Inylor looked fixedly at Air. Rountree, cleared his throat, which he said was troubling him, and asked to be excused while he got a drink of water. He stepped into the next room, took a draught, and returned to his seat. All the gentlemen looked digni-

"You want me to tell you the name of the man," began his Honor, looking at Mr. Rountree, "who approached me about that matter?" "Yes, sir; that is our business here," responded the Clay-Ward Councilman.

"Well," resumed the Mayor, "about three or four months ago I was stopped on Franklin street, on my way down town, by one Mr. Henry W. Rountree, who, in a very dictatorial manner, said to me: 'Dick, you must not veto those retrenchree) by saying. 'How do you know that am going to veto them?' You said that ou had heard that I was, and asked me

Mr. Knowles's salary? I replied. Yes, I did: didn't the Council stand by me?" Mayor Taylor continued his remarks by ing that at that point both he and Rountree kept on "jawing and blow-off steam about retrenchment and rem," and finally separated, each man

what I said to Mr. Snead. I met him a street-car and got to talking to him. him that Rountree had said that

MR. ROUNTREE'S QUESTIONS. this point Mr. Rountree, who had ned to the Mayor in silence, only giv-evidence of his feelings by the pallor

t was at the corner of Gov-

my most emphatically." said Mr. ee hotly, "that I ever said aby-you about the Mayor's salary." I most emphatically say that you interrupted the Mayor, are said publicly," Mr. Rountree

e said publicly." Mr. Rountree to say, "that the Mayor's salary of be cut if he did his duty, for ithink that he received too much that attaches to the office all I have ever said about the

I ever come to see you while the

between us on that street," wen Rountree, "the ordinances reduc have said anything to you ing considered by the sub-com-i knew that you had vetoed the reducing the salary of Mr. along the same line, and their

continued Mr. Rountree mentioned."

charge you with trying to lenry," said the Mayor, "for eve you intended it that way, certainly said in a dictatorial that I must not veto the ordi-for my salary would not be No. sir; you certainly said

ever said anything of the kind, Mr. Rountree, white with anger his feet; "you are telling what

true, if I were to meet my God: ke forty oaths that you said it,' the Mayor.

am sorry for you when you meet said Mr. Rountree,

re was some talk about bringing sees to prove what was said, but as soon remembered that only the and the Councilman were prezent Mr. Rountree finally said, with som mence: "I did not say that the of's salary should not be cut, for I k differently. The office is not now ances, and the salary ought to be

That's all right, Henry; but it has

MORE HOT WORDS PASS. When the discussion was at its highest sitch, Mr. Eicl, who most of the time had sealued quiet, interposed a few remarks | sale in a couple of days.

ending to pacify the heated natures of the two principals, but without much avail, as Mr. Rountree soon again had the floor. He said:

"The statement of Mr. Snead before the Board of Aldermen implied that a mem-ber of the Retrenchment Committee had called upon you, while you had the called upon you, while you had the salary-reducing ordinances under consideration, and had tried to bribe you, whereas the conversation between you and I occurred before any ordinances were ever drafted, and I only desired information when I approached you. I never said anything about your salary. I am willing to stand by what I say."

'So am I," said Mayor Taylor, "and I want you to know that I can always be

want you to know that I can always be found to stick to what I say, and that it is not necessary to send a sergeant-at-arms after me, as you proposed to do last night. I stand prepared to go before your committee whenever you want me. When a take water, I don't want to hold this office any longer," concluded the Mayor with fire blazing from his eyes.

WHAT HE TOLD MR. SNEAD.

Further personal remarks seemed immi-Further personal remarks seemed mini-nent, but Mr. Ebel interposed, and said: "We are here as a sub-committee to formulate a report. I wish you would tell me, Mr. Taylor, exactly what you said to Mr. Snead."

"I said to him that Rountree had told me that my salary would not be touched, and I told Mr. Snead, as one of my representatives, that I wanted my pay reduced if others were cut down." 'Did you tell Mr. Snead that Mr. Rountree told you that your salary would not be touched if you would approve certain

"No, sir, I did not."

The clipping was referred to by Mr. Rountree, and a newspaper-man, who was present at the Board meeting, vouched for the accuracy of the statement that Mr. Snead had said the committeeman who approached the Mayor had made it a condition that his salary would not be touched if he would approve the

me," said the Mayor, "for I simply told him that Rountree had said my salary would not be touched."

"Mr. Rountree," said Mr. Ebel, "do you deny having said to Mr. Taylor in your conversation with him that his salary would be left as it is if he would approve certain ordinances? "I do, sir; most emphatically," was

"And I say he did," said Mayor Tay-lor. "I stick to it; so there you are. Make any report you please."

DID NOT REMEMBER THAT. Mr. Rountree here endeavored to fresh the Mayor's memory by saying that on that day his Honor was very much excited over a slight, which, he said, had been put upon him by some leaders of a public parade. "Do you re-member," continued the Councilman, what you said about Major Randolph? The Mayor replied in the negative, and Mr. Rountree said that his memory was treacherous, and that he was like

drowning man, grasping at straws. Taylor said that it was all right about drowning man, and the interview closed.
It is now an interesting question to
know what sort of a report Mr. Ebel will make to the general Committee or. Re-trenchment and Reform. It may be that, in lieu of a written report, he will simply state the circumstances of their simply state the circumstances of their interview with the Mayor. The spicy colloquy between Messrs Rountree and Taylor created a profound sensation in municipal circles, and was the talk of the town last night.

#### THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED.

Traction Company at Work on the

New Base-Ball Park. Mr. W. B. Bradley, president of the Richmond Base-Ball Association of the Atlantic League, has finally signed the contract with the Richmond Traction Company, and the provisions thereof require that he shall be provided with suitable grounds on Broad street near for his team to play the na-Lombardy for his team to play the hational game on for the next five years.

The Traction Company pledge themselves to improve the grounds and to
make of the property a model park for
athletic sports. Mr. Bradley is to have
entire charge of the park for five years
without charge to him or the association,
and the only requirement made of him
is that he shall have the Richmond BaseBall Club play their championship and

Is that he shall have the Richmond Base-Ball Club play their championship and exhibition games at this park. The contract calls for a perfectly level field, a \$1,500 grandstand with a seating capacity of not less than 1,200, and bleach-eries sufficient to accomposite 1,000 eries sufficient to accommodate spectators. The Traction Company, inderstood, will not only carry out provisions of the contract, but will make every improvement necessary, and turn over to Mr. Bradley, on March 15th, a model base-ball park, complete in every

particular.

Work has already been begun in eargest on the park. All the buildings that stood on the property have been cleared away and hands are now engaged in levelling the grounds preparatory to lay-

#### KILLING OF MARSHAL BIRD. Confirmation of the Report-The Particulars.

LOUISVILLE, KY., January 15 .- A Lexington dispatch confirms the report of the killing of Deputy United States Marshall W. A. Bird in Breathitt county yesterday. Bird had arrested Sam. Neace for moon-Bird had arrested Sam. Neace for moon-shining, and was riding to Jackson with Neace on his horse behind him. Jacob Neace and Dan. Farley, relatives of the prisoner's, overtook the Marshal and de-manded that Neace be released. Neace rolled off the horse, and his relatives be-gan firing on the officer. Bird returned the fire, but Jacob Neace shot him through the breast. Bird then shot Sam. Neace in the leg, when his horse plunged into the river and swam across. When the animal reached the bank Bird fell off, dead. This was the third attempt that the moonwas the third attempt that the moon shiners had made to kill him.

## TAMMANY-HALL PRIMARIES.

Separate Purroy Delegates. NEW YORK, January 15 .- Tammany primaries were held in all the Assembly districts in the city to-night, to elect dele gates to the general committees and to the district committees. Notwithstanding the recent factional fights in a number of districts, there was no serious contest except in the Thirty-third Assembly District, the contest in the other districts having been adjusted.

having been adjusted.

In the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth districts the followers of County-Clerk Henry D. Purroy elected separate delegates, under the name of "Home Rule

## Tammany.

PATERSON, N. J., January 15.-Two undred weavers employed by the Golden-Rod Silk Company, at this place, this morning, refused to submit to a reduction of wages, and went on strike. The factory employs 600 people. The strike is likely to spread to the Cause of Death Pneumonia, Con-

many silk-mills here, which employ over 20,000 men, women, and boys.

MOSCOW, January 15.—Lasker won the seventeenth and final game of the chess championship-match in this city, a queen's gambit declined, after sixty-five moves, early this morning. The final score was: Lasker, 19; Steinitz, 2;

A Cohen Company Strike., The Cohen Company have purchased the entire stock of E. A. Ezekiel. This stock embraces many most desirable selections, which the Cohen Company will put on sale in a country of days.

## SHERMAN

HE WILL BE PREMIER OF THE M'KINLEY CABINET.

EX-GOV. LONG, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

He, It Seems, Is to Be the New England Holder of a Portfolio-Alger for Secretary of War-John

CANTON, O. January 15 .- Senator Sherman, who this afternoon authorized the Southern Associated Press to positively announce that he has accepted the portfolio of State, and ex-Governor John D. Long, of Massachusetts, who will, in all probability, be in Major Mc Kinley's Cabinet, sat down at table with the President-elect to-day. The other guest at luncheon was Senator Burrows,

Senator Sherman arrived at the hous about an hour and a quarter before noon, and left for Washington at 2 o'clock. He had a long talk with Major McKinley, and they discussed many men and measures. The formation of the Cabinet was the main topic of conversation. Senator Sherman said appointments and the organization of the work in his department would not be considered till after the inauguration of Major McKinley. It is understood that the appointment of a First Assistant Secretary of ment of a First Assistant Secretary of State was not discussed to-day, but the gossips have it that John Russell Young, of Philadelphia, is under consideration. Senator Sherman was in excellent spirits,

and seemed full of vigor.
The visit of ex-Governor Long, following so closely upon that of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, is construed to mean that he is not unwilling to accept a place in Major McKinley's Cabinet. Senator Lodge assured Major McKinley that there were no objections to the appointment of Governor Long on the part of the Massachusetts Republicans, and it may be deemed reasonably certain that he will be the New England ember of the Cabinet. ley and Governor Long had a long talk, and the latter left for the East, by way of Cleveland, at 4:50 P. M. It is not thought that the particular place in the Cabinet which is likely to be offered Governor Long has been determined. No tender of a portfolio was made today. Governor Long said he simply came to confer with Major McKinley.

Senator J. C. Burrows, of Michigan, came to see the President-elect in the interest of General Alger, whom he hopes will be appointed Secretary of War. Senator Burrows said the Republicans of Michigan had counted upon General Alger, and that he had the hearty endorsement of the two senators. General Alger is also being urged by the old soldiers of the Union armies. Senator Burrows did not indicate that the portable had been tendered General Alger. folio had been tendered General Alger, but the belief is pretty strong here that it will be. The differences that existed between Senator Sherman and General Alger have been happly adjusted, and form no obstacle whatever to the ap-pointment of General Alger to the Cabi This is stated upon high authority.

## A REPORTED LYNCHING.

Two Negro Murderers of a White Woman the Victims.

MACON, GA., January 15 .- A special to the Telegraph from Adams Park, Ga., says: Charles Forsyth and Willis White, the negroes who are believed to be the men who shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Rowland, wife of the postmaster, while robbing the post-office at this place last captured near here early this morning. Mrs. Rowland died to-day from the effects of the wound, and a crowd began o gather for the purpose of lynchin

A report reached Macon late to-night the effect that the mob had taken the men and lynched them, but up to this time the rumor has not been fully

Adams Park is in Twiggs county, th; Adams Park is scene of the cold-blooded murder by old Mrs. Noble and a negro of her husband. On account of the manner in which legal technicalities have enabled the perpeture of the most trators of this crime-one of the most brutal and horrible in the history of the State-to escape punishment, many conservative people in the county publicly announce a determination to appeal to ludge Lynch and language the least Judge Lynch, and ignore the legal-court-

## FEAR OF THE PLAGUE.

European Governments Taking Measures to Prevent Its Introduction.

LONDON, January 15,-The Rome correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs that the prefects of the northern provinces of Italy have prohibited the entry into those provinces of cotton from India, fearing that it will convey the bubonic plague that is now ravaging Bombay and other places in India. This cotton is imported into Italy by way of Genoa. As a result of the prohibition, many of the operatives in the important factories have been thrown out of work. owing to lack of material. The idle operatives are very indignant over the action of the prefects, and it is feared that there will be disorders.

The government has announced that ar international conference will be held, probably at Rome, to consider measures for the protection of Europe against the It is stated that six Powers have already given their adhesion to the

conference.

The French Government has declared a quarantine against vessels arriving from Plymouth, England, owing to the recent arrival there of the transport Nubla with cholera on board. Passengers from Plymouth will be detained at French ports for five days' observation.

## FISHERMEN IN PERIL.

Carried Away from Shore by Moving

MARINETTE, WIS., January 15 .- At 1:30 this afternoon a strong gale sprang up, and the ice in the bay suddenly began to move out. In ten minutes there was a wide space between the moving ice and the shore. A number of fishermen were on the ice, signalling for help. At 2 o'clock boats were manned, and all except o'clock boats were manned, and all except five of the fishermen were rescued. For these five the only hope of safety lies in the fact that they had skates on and may reach the opposite shore. The fishermen say the only chance for their co-laborers is in reaching Green Island.

## MINISTER WILLIS DEAD.

tracted at San Francisco.

HONOLULU, January 7, via SAN FRANCISCO, January 15 .- Correspondence of the Southern Associated Press per steamer Monowai.-United States Minister Albert S. Willis died at his residence yesterday at 8 A. M., after several months illness. The direct cause of death was pneumonia, which cause of death was pneumonia, which he contracted in San Francisco early last year. His condition had been at times such that it gave his family hopes of his ultimate recovery, and again it was precarious to a degree that filled his physicians with grave alarm. A few days ago his condition

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was much improved, and his family renewed their hopes, but the change for the better was but temporary.

Some time after midnight Tuesday Minister Willis's condition began growing worse, and it was seen that the end was not far off. He lost consciousness, and his breathing was difficult, and in this condition he remained until dissolution took place.

tion took place.
It is not known yet whether an escort It is not known yet want an early will be sent with the remains, but it seems to be the opinion of a number of citizens that a representative of the Foreign Office should be detailed as an escort to accompany the remains to Louisville, and turn them over to the officials there. Until the funeral takes officials there. Until the funeral takes place a detail of gentlemen selected by the Minister of Foreign Affairs will renain at the Willis residence.

Directly the intelligence of the death of the Minister was received by the government the flags on the judiciary buildings and at military headquarters were lowered to half-mast. Most of the business-houses and the shipping owed suit as soon as the death became

MINISTER WILLIS'S CAREER. Albert Sydney Willis was born near Shelbyville, Ky., about fifty-five years ago. He was the son of a well-known physi-cian. When Albert was 12 years of age his father died. After a short widowhood Mrs. Willis married J. L. Clemmons, a Louisville attorney, and went to Louisville to live. Albert was sent to the public schools. Later he entered the High school, and took the full five years ourse, graduating with distinction. After graduation he taught a little chool out on the Bardstown road. While illing this post he studied law, and later natriculated at the Louisville Law School.

in 1895 he graduated from the law school. In 1895 he graduated from the law school and began practice.

In the early seventies he was elected to the office of County Attorney, which posttion he held until his election to Congress to the other hands of the proposed of the Henry and the Henry an tion he held until his election to Congress in 1876, when he succeeded Mr. Henry Watterson, who had been selected to fli the unexpired term of E. Y. Parsons, He became a favorite fleutenant of Mr. Car-lisle, and manoeuvred his forces for the speakership, to which office Mr. Carlisle was elected for the first time in the Forty-eighth Congress. Mr. Carlisle then made eighth Congress. Mr Carlisle then made Mr. Willis chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, which responsible post he ably filled. Mr. Willis served five terms in Congress. In 1886 he was succeeded by Asher G. Caruth. He returned Louisville and resumed the practice of

is profession. In September, 1893, Mr. Willis received he appointment as Minister to Hawaii He accepted and assumed the post, Mr. Willis arrived at the island during the most critical moment in its history, Queen Liliuokalani had been deposed, and an-other government had taken the place or

the monarchy.

The most intense interest existed as to what course the President would adopt.
Mr. Cleveland intrusted his secret orders to Mr. Willis, and they were to the effect that Queen Lil. should be reinstated in the event of her granting immunity to all political offenders. This she declined to do. ent state of affairs is well known In 1876 Mr. Willis married Miss Florence Bulaney. They have one son, Albert S. Willis, Jr., who is at Honolulu.

## ARBUCKLE SUGAR-REFINERY.

Ground Broken Therefor-Increase of Proposed Capacity.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., January 15 .-Ground was broken to-day for the Arbuckle sugar refinery in this city, on the plot adjoining the Arbuckle coffee plant. It is the intention of the Arbuckles to push the erection of the building with all push the erection of the building with all possible speed, and to this end day and night gangs will be employed, and the plant will be in operation by next August. The building will cover the block boundd by John, Jay, and Pearl streets and

The refinery will have a capacity of 5,000 or 6,000 harrels per day. The increase from a capacity of 1,200 barrels, which was originally fixed by the Arbuckles, has been made necessary by the aggressively antagonistic attitude of the Sugar Trust.

THE SUGAR TRUST'S FIGHT. TOLEDO, O., January 15 .- H. O. Have meyer, the sugar king, accompanied by his right-hand man in the present coffee war, Herman Sielcken, arrived in this city to-day, and, according to a state-ment made by them, the Sugar Trust intends to change its factics in the fight being waged against Arbuckle Brothers. Sielcken announced that the plant of the Woolson Spice Company would be quad-rupled; that an inamense sum of money would be expended on it, and that the trust would become Arbuckle's greatest rival in the coffee business.

## NORTH CAROLINA SENATORSHIP.

Populists Nominate Cy. Thompson-

Pritchard Still Likely to Win. RALEIGH, N. C., January 15.-The Populist caucus at midnight nominated Dr. Cyrus Thompson for senator, on the second ballot. Thompson, Dockery, Mott. Hileman, and Guthrie were voted for on the first ballot. On the second ballot all except the first two were withdrawn, and Thompson and Dockery received 23 and 9 votes, respectively.

Senator Parker, of Randolph, one of the

bolters, returned to the caucus last night. It is understood that he will vote for the mince. It is not believed that Hardi who went into the caucus with Parker will desert Pritchard.

will desert Pritchard.

The situation virtually remains unchanged. Four Populist votes, in addition to the Republican vote, will nominate Pritchard. It is claimed that at least 18 will stand by him to the last. At this hour there appears to be no reason for changing the prediction that Pritchard will be his own successor. will be his own successor.

Seemed to Have a Charmed Life.

M'GHEE, TENN., January 15 .- (Special.) The death of Mr. Ed. Bradbury from a wound received in the late war reveals a strange story. Bradbury seemed to have a charmed life. It is supposed that he was the only man who received a wound like his that did not prove fatal. A mi-nic-ball from the enemy's gun penetrated his head just between his eyes, taking a his head just between his eyes, taking a downward course and coming out at the back of the jaw. It is supposed that he was leaning his head over, or the ball would have passed through the brain, would have passed through the brain, causing death. Strange to say, he got over this. He came to McGhee from Virginia twenty years ago, following the brick-mason trade. Six years ago, after a lingering illness, his friends thinking his death near, took up a collection to buy his burial robe. He began to improve, and in a few weeks was up and wore out his burial suit and several more. Four years ago he was appointed postmaster at McGhee, which position he held up to a month ago, when his health got so bad that he resigned. He was also in business, with C. E. Pyron as partner. A week ago he sold his stock and left instructions that after his burial expenses were paid be wanted the family that took care of him to have what was left. Bradbury, with two brothers and a sister, came across from England. He has a brother at Canton and a brother in Virother at Canton and a brother in Vir

ALBANY, January 15.—In the Senate to-day Senator Lexow offered a resolution for an investigation of the exist-ence of monopolies and trusts. He asked that this resolution be made a special that this resolution be made a special order for next Tuesday. He said he believed that the Republican party should take told of this important question, which was now agitating the public. The motion to make the resolution a special order for Tuesday was adopted.

Big Purchase by Julius Meyer's Sons Heinrich & Co., who have been in the dry- and fancy-goods business for nearly a year, have disposed of their stock to Julius Meyer's Sons, and the latter are eligaged in removing the stock to their stores, at Sixth and Broad streets.

## SHERMAN ON CUBA.

IT LOOKS AS IF SPAIN WOULD GRANT THE ISLAND AUTONOMY.

# EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

There Will Certainly He One-It May Confine Itself to Tariff Matters-Chairmanship of Foreign Relations Committee.

PITTSBURG, PA., January 15 .- Senato Sherman passed through Pittsburg to-

night, en route from Canton to Washington. On the subject of Cuba, Senator Sherman said: "It begins to look as though Spain would grant Cuba some kind of autonomy Spanish Government would grant to the

which will speedily end the war. If the people of the island the same rights that are accorded to the people of Spain, it would have much to do with ending the struggle. I am in favor of non-interference with the affairs of Cuba. About all we want to do is to buy the products of the island and sell her all the goods we can. I do not believe there is any relia de news coming from the war. "We have no knowledge of what our

representative, Mr. Lee, reported to the President, except as might be inferred from the message, and one can readily understand that it might be embarrass-ing to him, in his relations with the Spanish authorities at Habana, if the full text of his report were made public. We do know, however, that the reports from Cuba, published in the newspapers every morning, are very unreliable EXTRA SESSION

"How about an extra session of Congress?" Senator Sherman was asked. "It is absolutely certain that we wil cessary that we should have a prompt readjustment of the tariff, and it is pro-vable that the extra session will be confined to tariff legislation exclusively, though, you know, Congress can con-sider any subject, once it is called in

'Who will probably succeed you, Senator, as chairman of the Foreign Relations

Committee?"
"Probably Senator Cushman K. Davis,
of Minnesota, though Senator Frye, of
Maine, is next in order of appointment
to a place on the committee. Mr. Frye. to a place on the committee. Mr. Frye. I believe, will prefer to remain at the head of the Committee on Commerce.

#### THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Gradual and Steady Improvement for Two Months," Says Dun.

NEW YORK, January 15 .- Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: Except at a few southern cities, as reported last week, wholesale merchants throughout the country report no noticeable change in trade relations, and few indications of improvement in the near future. Mercantile collections continue slow. Some job-bers at Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore, and other large cities report increased demand for dry goods, hats, shoes, hardware, and groceries for spring delivery, but that in other lines business is very dull. Dealers in staples at cities in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, and South Carolina report a better demand for hardware and agricultural supplies compared with last week. Some Baltimore sales-men are securing relatively fair orders. There has been no revival in textile cir-cles, except purchases of wool at Boston by some of the larger manufacturers. Cotton goods continue depressed at first hands, with little prospect for improve-ment until after production has been re-

The December gross railway earnings are relatively more favorable than the in preceding months, showing a decrease of 1.5 per cent. from December, 1895. The best December reports were by South-western and Southern roads, which show gains over the December totals in 1895. Bradstreet's comparison of prices of 108 staple articles and products at quarterly intervals for a series of years shows an upward tendency on the part of quota-tions during the last quarter of 1896. Advances during the last quarter of 1896 products, some vegetables, hides, r, wools, various grades of iron, r, lead, brick, and class copper, lead, brick, and glass, and spruce

ather, pork, lard, petroleum, and cotton, while decreases are reported in the prices of hides, wheat, corn, coffee, pig-iron, and of maes, wheat, cont, context of the steel billets. Heavy stocks continue to depress cotton goods. Iron and steel have not met with the increased demand expected, while sugar and coffee prices have been affected by competition among

ding dealers. There have been 478 business failures in the United States this week, compared with 488 last week, 412 in the second week of January, 1896, 378 in the like week of 1895, and 404 in the corresponding period

Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co. will say in their weekly review of trade: The great-est growth and prosperity the country had ever seen came suddenly in 1879, atter several months of disappointment, be-cause specie resumption had not then brought the benefits expected. It takes times for new confidence to reach through easier money markets, larger orders, resuming mills, expanding employment, and a larger distribution, to the results which make still greater and lasting gain possimake still greater and lasting gain possible. Such gradual and steady improvement has been in progress for more than two months. The output of pig-iron has gained 41.6 per cent, since October 1st. The output of coke has increased 88.7 per cent, since October 1st. The saies of wool have become large. The money markets feel a steady increase in demand for commercial and manufacturing loans. Addi-

mercial and manufacturing loans. Addi-tional works have gone into operation-each week in January, and the working force is larger than at any other time for six months. The tain may be ascribed to the deliberate judgment of the abiest and most prudent men in business. It is no time of high prices. Many who are anxious to get early hold on the marare anxious to get early hold on the market are making for the moment lower prices than they could afford to maintain. With the increase in output of pig-iron to 159.720 tons weekly, against 142.278 last month, the price is a shade lower at the East and Chicago, but heavy purchases already advance Bessemer a shade at Pittsburg. Steel bars have been reduced to 1 cent, and some other finished products \$1 per ton, but the demand is, on the whole, growing steadily. The, coke output has risen from 50,000 to 94,342 tons weekly, and minor metals are a shade

weekly, and minor metals are a shade aged by the demand for goods, though more print-cloths were sold than for many weeks. Lower prices are expected in goods, and slow buying is not un-natural, since cotton has fallen 17.8 ber in goods, and solve by a goods and solve cont. It is set cont.

by a combination of large bankers not to lend on call below 2 per cent., which invited all sort of financial institutions to take the market, caused payment of bank loans for some millions, and left the supplies of funds so heavy that the loans were sharply marked down. More was done in commercial paper, though offerings increased but smoderately. Receipts from the interior exceeded shipments by \$1,500,000. The exports continue to exceed last year's for the week 3 per cent., while the imports fell 10 per cent, below last year's.

The failures for the week have been 456 in the United States, against 325 last year, and 71 in Canada, against 81 last

MACON, GA., Sanuary 15.—A special to the Telegraph from Americus, Ga., says a Georgia and Alabama freight train was wrecked last night near Pittsboro', Al. Several cars were derailed, though the loss and damage were not considerable.
It is rumored that two white tramps were instantly killed, and a third one will die of his injuries. A broken brake beam is supposed to have caused the wreck. None

Telegrams Boiled Down. Devlin & Co., clothiers, New York, assigned yesterday. Liabilities estimated at

\$75,000; assets small. The Federal Treasury deficit for the first

fiscal year to date, \$44,763,360. William W. Rogers, cashler of the Mer-chants' National Bank, of Savannah, Ga., died last night in Savannah of pneu-

Grimshaw Brothers, silk manufacturers, of Paterson, N. J., and Reading, Pa., yesterday made a general assignment of their business in both places. The Missouri House of Representatives

has shelved the Piper resolution asking for an investigation of the St. Louis Police Department by a decisive vote. The Citizens' State Bank of Fullerton. closed its doors yesterday after

S. H. Penny, the president, and A. M. La-Grange, the cashier, say that depositors will be paid in full. The Geneva Mill, Providence, R. I., after being idle for somewhat over a year, began work Monday, with a small number of persons, in the picking, carding, and spinning departments.

Governor Budd, of California, yesterday issued a proclamation declaring to-day legal holiday, to celebrate the defeat the Pacific railroad funding bill in the House of Representatives. Henry White, who was to have been

hanged at Columbus, Ga., yesterday for the murder of Policeman Jackson, was not executed, on account of a motion for trial, instituted after the verdict The Secretary of War has rejected all bids for the construction of gun- and mortar-batteries at Key West, Fla., and

was irregular. Owing to the defeat of the Pacific railroad funding bill in the House, the Sen-ate Steering Committee has changed the order of business so that the Nicaragua bill will be taken up next week and given the right of way as the unfinished busi-ness of the Senate.

has readvertised for proposals. The low-est bid for this work was \$395,000, but

A dispatch to a London news from Shanghai says the United States gunboat Yorktown and the cruiser Detroit have been ordered to Nagasaki, to join the United States squadron there. will proceed for New York. The Democrats and Populists of North

Dakota have nominated Dr. Bently, of Bismarck, for senator. There is no evidence of a break in the Republican ranks. A formal ballot will be taken by both houses next Tuesday, when Hansborough will probably get 61 votes and the elec-The British steamer Delmar, Captain Roope, which sailed from Las Palmas December 31st for Hampton Roads

ing Company has been sent to for assistance.

A. A. Riche, the promoter of the Compagnie Generale des Phosphates de la Florida, incorporated under Florida laws with a cash capital of \$1,000,000, and with with a cash capita

immediately to organize a new bank in Will be held Monday afternoon, Ocala, with ample capital. There are no new developments in the Ocala (Fla.) Bank failure, except that it catches the town and county heavily. The bank had about \$900 of the city's money also, and \$500 of sinking funds, without security, and fully \$4,000 of taxmoney. President McConnell, of the

ele ed bank, is sick in New York. Surgeon-General Tryon, of the navy, will be promoted to the rank of medical director, the highest grade of naval surgeons, through a vacancy caused by the retirement of Medical-Director Wells, on reaching the age-limit of 62 years, the 20th instant. Dr. Tryon successfully passed his examination for the promotion yes-

Commodore Sicard telegraphs the Navy Department that the cruiser Montgomery will need new propeller blades, which it will take a week to attach, keeping the vessel in dock until the 31st. The vessel cannot, therefore, go to Tampa for the Coast-Defence Convention on the 20th, and either the Raleigh or the Newark will

Lieutenant-Commander J. A. Rodgers

has been ordered to the battleship Indi-ana, as executive officer of that vessel, on February 1st, relieving Lieutenant-Commander W. Swift, who is granted two months' leave. Lieutenant-Com-mander Rodgers's present position as steel inspector at Bethiehem will be filled by a civilian. Messrs. S. R. Birdsey & Co., dealers in hardware, groceries, and crockery, Ocal Fla., have made an assignment to A.

Birdsey, a son of the senior member of the firm, which is composed of S. R. Birdsey and his eldest son, Albert H. Birdsey. The recent bank failure is the immediate cause of their troubles, S. R. Birdsey being a director in the bank. A dispatch from Budapest to the Lon-don Pall Mall Gazette says that before the eloping Princess Chimay and Hungarian gypsy, Rigo, left Buda for Nice, Thursday, the police made a raid upon their apartments, upon the strength of information furnished to the police authorities that the Princess police authorities that the Princess was a spy in the employ of the Russian Se-cret Service. The police found no evi-dence of the woman's connection with the Russian Secret Service; but in the course of their search found a package of letters that had been addressed to her

by a European monarch, which they The Naval Steel Board, which has been considering the mished by the Carnegie Company for the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky, Illinois and Alabama, has recommended to Secretary Herbert that the ship-builders be permitted to go ahead with the work of those versels, and in case any plate develops weakness while being formed to fit the frames, a thorough test be made of it the frames, a thorough test be made of the group of material to which the plate belongs, when, if no weakness is shown, the group may be used, but in case of the tests being unsatisfactory, the entire group shall be rejected. Secretary Her-bert has approved the suggestion, and particularly at Newport News, where most of the workmen had to be laid off, opera-tions will be resumed. The Steel Board has also suggested certain changes in the

a long way towards preventing further steel frauds. Are You "All Broken Up"? It steadies the nerves, clears the brain and promotes digestion. Makes a plea-sant and wholesome beverage.

## REFORMS FOR CUBA.

SPAIN SAYS SHE IS GOING TO GRANT THEM AT ONCE.

## FREEDOM FOR SANGUILLY.

This Another One of the Announces McKinley Administration in thi Mind of the Spanish.

LONDON, January 15 .- A dispatch to the Central News from Madrid says that at a Cabinet council, over which the Queen-Regent presided, it has been decided to immediately introduce reforms in Cuba, and a decree putting the reforms into effect will be published on the King's fete-day.

The dispatch also says that it is probable that Julio Sanguilly, the naturalized American citizen recently sentenced in Habana to life imprisonment, for conspiracy against the Spanish Government, will be granted a free pardon.

The Madrid correspondence of the Standard confirms the statement that the Spanish Government has decided to immediately effect reforms in Cuba, It is added that the government, in taking such a serious step, on the eve of Mr. McKinley's advent to office, wishes to clearly indicate that it acts spontane ously in going even beyond the power ously in going even beyond the powers voted by the Cortes, for which the latter must grant a bill of indemnity. The reforms will show to what extent the government is prepared to go in gradually preparing the colonies for autonomy, without yielding the rights of Spain and Parliament. It will also soon be seen that Spain is disposed to make sacrifices in connection with the Cuban budget. The reforms will not be realized without seriously clashing with Spain's material interests. Spanlards look with impatience and anxiety to the effect the retience and anxiety to the effect the re-forms will have in America.

#### ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

Mrs. Weber, Wife of an Artist, Temporarily Insane.

PENSACOLA, FLA., January 15 .- Mrs. Weber, wife of Thomas Weber, an artist of considerable local note, attempted suicide a few minutes after noon to-day. while temporarily insane. She cut both wrists with a knife and scissors, and, not wrists with a knife and scissors, and, not satisfied at the progress thus made, she took a hatchet and hacked the top of her head until she became unconscious. Mr. Weber first discovered her, and physicians Weber first discovered her, and physicians were summoned. It was found that there were numerous fractures of the outer part of the skull, and a number of pieces have been removed. The inner lining of the skull remains whole, and she may recover. This is her second attempt at suicide, she having attempted to destroy heresid also was and herself six years ag

# C, F. & Y. V. RAILROAD CASE.

Decree of Sale Not Likely Refore Latter Part of February. WILMINGTON, N. C., January 15.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day, Judge Simonton presiding, the argument of counsel in the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad case was concluded.

Judge Cross, counsel for the Baltimore
Committee, read a tender of \$2,000,000 for

the entire road.

The Court ordered all briefs to be filed in thirty days, upon which consideration of the case will be again taken up. It is not likely that the final decree of

will be issued before the latter part

Illinois Senatorial Situation. in ballast, stranded early yesterday morning, two and a half miles south of Washwoods, N. C. The Merritt Wreck- Lorimer, the new candidate for se SPRINGFIELD, ILL., January 15 .- Mr. Florida, incorporated under Florida laws with a cash capital of \$1,000,000, and with mines in operation at Newberry and Trenton, Alachua county, will take steps and William Lorimer. The next caucus trends of the steps and William Lorimer.

The Idaho Senatorship. BOISE, IA., January 15,-In the sena-orial contest in the Idaho Legislature totorial contest in the Idaho Legislature to-day the Populists broke away from Ciag-gett. Twenty-four of the votes went to A. J. Crook (Populist), who also received five Democratic votes, making his total vote 29. Dubois got twenty-six of the silver Republicans. A second ballot was taken, which resulted substantially the same as the first.

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North Carolina: Fair weather; possibly preceded by showers on the coast; northerly winds; warmer in the interior.

South Carolina: Generally fair weather; northerly winds; warmer in the northern portion. THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YES

TERDAY was cloudy, and slightly warm-

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